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### **District Man Sentenced to 18 years in Prison for Sexually Abusing Two Young Girls in 2001 and 2008**

WASHINGTON - Earl L. Williams, 60, of the District of Columbia, was sentenced on July 20, 2009, by the Honorable Robert I. Richter of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to 18 years in prison on three counts of Second Degree Child Sexual Abuse with Aggravating Circumstances and one count of Enticing a Child with Aggravating Circumstances, Acting United States Attorney Channing D. Phillips announced today. On May 18, 2009, a D.C. Superior Court jury returned guilty verdicts on these charges against Williams, relating to his sexual abuse of two young girls in 2001 and 2008.

According to evidence presented at trial, on April 13, 2008, Williams offered to babysit his 10-year-old granddaughter and 12-year-old grandson. After both children had fallen asleep in the living room of the apartment, Williams picked up his granddaughter from the living room sofa and carried her to her own bed. The young girl awoke to Williams removing her pants and climbing into bed with her wearing only his boxer shorts, a tank top and socks. Once in the bed with the young girl, Williams sexually fondled her and kissed her repeatedly on her face. At trial, the young girl testified how, when she protested, Williams asked her, "What, I'm not your baby? You don't want me to touch you no more?" When the child continued to protest, Williams angrily left her room. The young girl closed and locked the bedroom door, but was unable to report her grandfather's sexual abuse until the next morning, when she was able to reach her mother.

Almost 7 years earlier, Williams committed a similar offense against the 11-year-old daughter of his then-girlfriend, who was extremely ill and suffering from cancer at the time.

On June 11, 2001, Williams visited his girlfriend's home and sexually abused her young daughter on two separate occasions – first, while the child was in her mother's room watching television, and again later that night, while the young girl was sleeping in her own room. On both occasions, Williams sexually fondled the young girl and kissed her inappropriately.

Williams was sentenced to six years in prison on each of the three counts of Second Degree Child Sexual Abuse with Aggravating Circumstances, with each sentence to run consecutive to one another, for a total sentence of 18 years in prison. He also was sentenced to three years in prison on one count of Enticing a Child with Aggravating Circumstances, with that sentence to run concurrent to the others. Following his prison term, Williams will be placed on supervised release for a period of three years and required to register as a sex offender for a period of ten years.

Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips commended several Metropolitan Police Department officers for their work on the case, including lead Detective Barbara Johnson-Rauf and Detective-Sergeant Anthony Mable, who both did an exemplary job investigating the case and working with the victims and other witnesses. Mr. Phillips also praised the outstanding assistance of MPD Detectives James Wilson, Robin Blyden, Darryn Robinson, Frank Santiago, and Nelson Morais, Investigator Timothy Francis, and Officers Clifford Simms, Marvin Payne and David Baker. He also praised the work of Child Forensic Interviewer Karen Giannakoulis, Paralegals Jason Manuel, Lynita Greene and Cynthia Muhammad, Legal Assistants Nicole Lee and Donice Adams, Intelligence Analysts Larry Grasso, Sharon Johnson, Shannon Alexis, and Bill Hamann, Victim/Witness Assistance Unit Staff Katina Adams and LaJune Thames, and Ron Royal and Janay Jones from Litigation Services. Finally, Mr. Phillips expressed his special appreciation to Victim/Witness Advocates Veronica Vaughan and Melissa Milam who worked closely with the victims, and Assistant U.S. Attorney David Last, who investigated and tried the case.

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